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For the Year 1962



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*To the Chairman and Members of the
Desborough Urban District Council.*

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1962.

The mid-year estimate of population, supplied by the Registrar General, is 4,620 and is virtually the same as that for last year. The Birth Rates and Death Rates etc., calculated upon this figure, work out as follows:— Crude Birth Rate 12.77 per 1,000 head of population, Adjusted Birth Rate 13.41, Crude Death Rate 14.50, Adjusted Death Rate 13.63. The manner in which the Adjusted Birth and Death Rates are derived from the Crude Rates is described on page 8.

No deaths occurred from Infectious Diseases and there were no deaths classed to Pregnancy and Childbirth.

Sections C, D and E of the Report have been contributed by Mr. J. Holdsworth, the Public Health Inspector, to whom my thanks are due for his close co-operation throughout the year.

The important Report of the Royal College of Physicians on Smoking in Relation to Cancer of the Lung was published during the year and an effort has been made to bring the facts before the public by displaying suitable posters in appropriate places.

As there can be no dispute about the association between smoking and Lung Cancer, a special attempt is being made to discourage the adoption of the smoking habit by young people aged 10 to 16 years. On page 18 it will be seen that there was a large increase in the number of Smallpox Vaccinations performed during the year. This was due to the presence of a number of cases in the country in the early part of the year when the disease was imported from Pakistan.

Dr. J. J. A. Reid, County Medical Officer of Health, has supplied the Smallpox Vaccination and the Diphtheria and Poliomyelitis Immunisation figures which I have quoted, and Dr. J. V. L. Farquhar, Medical Referee to the Kettering Crematorium, has given me the figures relating to cremation. I wish to record my thanks for these data.

I also thank the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their interest and support throughout the year. As always, my gratitude is due to my Secretary, Miss Langley, for her tireless help, cheerfully given, in the preparation of this report.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

F. R. N. LYNCH,

Medical Officer of Health.

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS FOR THE FIVE YEAR PERIOD
1958 TO 1962

	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
Area of the Urban District (acres)	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400
Population (Registrar General's Estimate)	4,910	4,880	4,860	4,600	4,620
Number of Live Births	61	46	51	55	59
Legitimate	61	45	49	52	57
Illegitimate	—	1	2	3	2
Birth rate per 1,000 population ...	12.42	9.43	10.49	11.96	12.77
Number of Still Births	1	—	1	1	1
Legitimate	1	—	1	1	1
Illegitimate	—	—	—	—	—
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total births	16.13	—	19.23	17.86	16.67
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 population	0.20	—	0.21	0.22	0.22
Number of Deaths	52	59	61	48	67
Death rate per 1,000 population ...	10.59	12.09	12.55	10.43	14.50
Deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion	—	—	—	1	—
Number of Infant Deaths	1	—	3	—	—
Infantile Mortality rate per 1,000 live births	16.39	—	58.82	—	—
Neonatal Mortality rate per 1,000 live births	16.39	—	58.82	—	—
Deaths from all forms of Tuberculosis	1	—	—	1	—
Deaths from Respiratory Tuberculosis	1	—	—	1	—
Deaths from Malignant Neoplasms	16	12	12	9	14
Deaths from Measles (all ages) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	—	—	—	—	—
Deaths from Enteritis and Diarrhoea under two years of age ...	—	—	—	—	—
Deaths from Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	—	—	—	—	—

SECTION A.

General Statistics of the Area

Area (acres)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,400
Census Population	<i>Year</i>		<i>Males</i>		<i>Females</i>			
	1951		2,270		2,409			4,679
	1961		2,240		2,315			4,555
Decrease of 124 = 2.7%								
Population (Registrar General's mid-year estimate 1962)...								4,620
Number of inhabited houses (1951)				...	...	...		1,563
Number of inhabited houses (1962)				...	...	...		1,681
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	...		£54,661
Sum represented by Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...		£218

SOCIAL CONDITIONS, INCLUDING CHIEF OCCUPATIONS OF THE INHABITANTS

The social conditions of the District are very satisfactory and up to the end of the year there has been virtually full employment. Farming, ironstone quarrying and factory work are the chief occupations. The largest firms are concerned in the production of footwear, corset manufacture, manufacture of cardboard boxes and rigid containers.

Extracts from Vital Statistics, 1962

Live Births					<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	25	32	57
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	—	2	2
Totals ...					25	34	59
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population ...						...	12.77
Adjusted Birth Rate (comparability factor 1.05) ...						...	13.41
Still Births					<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Totals ...					—	1	1
Rate per 1,000 total births (live and still) ...					...	...	16.67
Deaths					<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Number registered all causes ...					29	38	67
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population						...	14.50
Adjusted Death Rate (comparability factor 0.94) ...						...	13.63
Deaths from Certain Specified Causes					<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cardio-vascular disease (all forms) ...					10	12	22
Malignant neoplasms (all forms) ...					8	6	14
Accidents and violence ...					1	2	3
Respiratory Tuberculosis ...					—	—	—
Deaths from Maternal Causes ...					—	—	—
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births ...							—
Deaths of Infants (under 1 year) ...					<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births ...					...	...	—
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births						...	—
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births						...	—
Deaths of Infants (under 4 weeks)					<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births ...					...	...	—

Classification of Causes of Death during 1962

					<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	—	—	—	—
2.	Tuberculosis, other	...	...	—	—	—	—
3.	Syphilitic disease	...	...	—	—	—	—
4.	Diphtheria	...	...	—	—	—	—
5.	Whooping Cough	...	...	—	—	—	—
6.	Meningococcal infections	...	...	—	—	—	—
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	—	—	—	—
8.	Measles	...	...	—	—	—	—
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases			—	—	—	—
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	3	1	4	
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	1	2	3	
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	—	1	1	
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	—	—	—
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	4	2	6	
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	—	—	—
16.	Diabetes	...	...	—	—	—
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	3	11	14	
18.	Coronary disease, angina	...	...	6	2	8	
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	—	1	1	
20.	Other heart disease	...	...	4	9	13	
21.	Other circulatory disease	...	...	1	1	2	
22.	Influenza	...	...	—	—	—
23.	Pneumonia	...	...	—	1	1	
24.	Bronchitis	...	...	2	2	4	
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	—	—	—
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	—	—	—
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	—	—	—
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	—	—	—
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	1	—	1	
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	—	—	—
31.	Congenital malformations	...	...	1	—	1	
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases			1	3	4	
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	—	—	—
34.	All other accidents	...	...	1	2	3	
35.	Suicide	...	...	1	—	1	
36.	Homicide and operations of war	...	...	—	—	—
Totals				29	38	67	

COMMENTS ON VITAL STATISTICS

1. **Population.**—The Registrar General's mid-year estimate of the population (1962) was 4,620, that is 20 more than the mid-year estimate for 1961. The figure represents an increase of 65 in the census figure (4,555) of April, 1961.
2. **Births.**—There were 59 live births in 1962, that is 4 more than in the previous year. This gives a crude birth rate of 12.77 per 1,000 head of population. This rate, standardised on the basis of the age and sex composition of the population, gives an adjusted rate of 13.41. The adjusted, or corrected birth rate is obtained by multiplying the crude rate by a figure known as the Comparability Factor. The factor for Desborough is 1.05. The adjusted birth rate of 13.41 for 1962 compares with the rate of 12.55 for 1961 and the provisional crude rate for England and Wales of 18.0 per 1,000 head of population.
3. **Deaths.**—There were 67 deaths from all causes in 1962, that is 19 more than in 1961, giving a crude death rate of 14.50 and an adjusted death rate of 13.63 per 1,000 head of population. The Comparability Factor in this case for Desborough is 0.94. The provisional crude death rate for England and Wales is 11.9.
4. **Disposal of the Dead.**—Of the 67 deaths during the year, 51 bodies were disposed of by cremation at Kettering Borough Crematorium, giving a percentage of 76.
5. **Infantile Mortality.**—There were again no deaths of infants under one year of age, for 1962. The current rate for England and Wales as a whole is 20.7.
6. **Still Births.**—There was one still birth during the year.
7. **Maternal Mortality.**—There were no deaths classed to pregnancy and childbirth.

SECTION B.

General Provision of Health Services

In subsequent sections, full details will be found relating to infectious diseases and environmental health within the Urban District, for which services the Council is directly responsible.

The present section is related to those health services which concern more the health and welfare of the individual rather than public health and the community. The Health Committee of the Northamptonshire County Council is responsible for the administration of many of these services under Part III of the 1946 National Health Service Act.

Liaison between County Council services and District Council services is facilitated by the fact that your Medical Officer of Health is also a School Medical Officer and Assistant County Medical Officer.

Laboratory Facilities.—The Public Health Laboratory, Northampton and the Department of Pathology at Kettering General Hospital are available for the examination of specimens in connection with the diagnosis and control of infectious diseases.

During 1962, 7 faeces samples were examined at Kettering, and copies of the reports were sent to the patients' general practitioners. I am grateful for the help and advice which Dr. Voss is always willing to give.

Ambulance Service.—This is one of the services for which the County Council is responsible. The St. John Ambulance Brigade performs this function on behalf of the County Council for all patients excepting those suffering from infectious diseases.

Domiciliary Services.—These include District Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors, who are all highly trained, qualified nurses on the staff of the County Medical Officer. The Home Help Service, also provided by the County Council, is proving more and more valuable in relieving people of domestic worries during periods of illness or confinement, and in helping old folks to remain in their own homes, so that they can retain their treasured independence.

Child Welfare Centre.—A clinic is held on the second and fourth Wednesday in every month at The Clinic, 39 Station Road. These clinics are busy and their popularity is largely due to the enthusiasm and dedicated work of the Voluntary Committee. A Medical Officer attends one of these sessions monthly. In accordance with the policy of the County Health Department a new type of clinic which provides facilities for the teaching of parentcraft and relaxation to expectant mothers, is held on each Tuesday afternoon at 2-30 p.m. at The Clinic.

Welfare Foods, (National Dried Milk, Cod Liver Oil, Orange Juice etc.) are distributed at The Clinic on Tuesday afternoons from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Immunisation and Vaccination.—Immunisation against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Poliomyelitis and vaccination against Smallpox are free services, available either from the family doctor or at the County Child Welfare Clinics. Certain age groups of children can also be given B.C.G. vaccination to protect against Tuberculosis; this is done through the School Health Service.

Treatment Centres and Clinics.—

(a) *Tuberculosis*—X-ray Department, St. Mary's Hospital, Kettering.

(b) *Venereal Diseases*—St. Mary's Hospital, Kettering.

Clinics are held weekly and treatment is provided by the Oxford Regional Hospital Board.

Town Welfare Committee.—This committee, which concerns itself with people of all ages, continued its good work during the year visiting the elderly, the lonely and the sick. At Christmas time 420 aged persons received a parcel and during 1962 goods and money grants, to the value of £350, were given to the people of the town. The commitments of this committee are continually increasing and, with the assistance of the W.V.S., it hopes to inaugurate a "Meals on Wheels Service" early in the new year.

Tuberculosis After-Care Committee.—The excellent work of this active committee continued through the year and the sum of £312 15s. 10d. was expended in the provision of monetary grants and gifts of kind, i.e. butter, eggs, milk etc, to necessitous cases.

Due to the national decline in the incidence of Tuberculosis, the scope of this committee has now been extended to embrace patients who are victims of Heart Disease and Non-Tuberculosis chest diseases. It has thus been possible during 1962 to render material assistance to 12 people who have suffered from diseases other than Tuberculosis. One case of Respiratory Tuberculosis was admitted to the Rushden Hospital. There are now 25 names on the committee's visiting list and all patients are seen by a committee member at least once a month.

National Assistance Act, 1948, Section 47.—This act empowers Local Authorities to require the compulsory admission to hospital in certain cases of persons in need of care and attention. No formal action was taken under this Section of the Act during 1962.

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SECTION C.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

Water Supply.—The Mid-Northamptonshire Water Board has maintained a good supply of water both in quantity and quality throughout the year. Bacteriological examinations of the supply were made by the Board weekly and the results were very satisfactory.

There are 1,667 dwelling houses in the Area and with the exception of 17 houses, which are served by a nine stand pipes, the whole of the dwellings have an internal water supply.

Drainage and Sewerage.—Some samples of effluent taken during the year did not comply with the conditions laid down by the Nene River Board as to suspended solids and oxygen demand.

New media was added to the filter beds and your consultants have been asked to submit a report on the works.

Rats and Mice Destruction Act.—The house refuse tips and the sewage works have been treated during the year at intervals. Both sites have been kept free of rats. 10% of the sewer manholes in the District have been treated, all with negative results.

House Refuse, Collection and Disposal.—The collection of house refuse was maintained throughout the year. The tipping of refuse in the Pipewell Road tip is proceeding satisfactorily.

Factories Act, 1961.—Thirty-six inspections of factories were made. The total number of outworkers in October 1962 was 10, all engaged in the making of wearing apparel.

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1961 are to be found at the end of this report.

SECTION D.

Public Health and Housing Acts

Houses.—19 houses were completed, and 21 houses were under construction by private enterprise at the end of the year.

Public Health and Housing Acts.—Works under these Acts for the purpose of rectifying defects and abating nuisances has been continued throughout the year and the following tables give details of the routine work carried out.

(1) Inspection of dwelling houses :—			
1.	(a)	No. of houses inspected for defects ...	161
	(b)	Inspections made for the purpose ...	161
2.	(a)	No. of houses inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidation Regulations ...	32
	(b)	Inspections made for the purpose ...	64
3.		No. of houses found to be in a state dangerous or injurious to health so as to be unfit for human habitation ...	—
4.		Dwelling houses (exclusive of those under preceding head) not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...	—
(2) Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notice :—			
		No. of defective dwellings rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ...	161
(3) Action under Statutory Powers :—			
Proceedings under Housing Act, 1959 :—			
1.		No. of houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ...	—
2.		No. of dwelling houses which were rendered fit by owners or the Local Authority after service of formal notice ...	—
(4) Housing Programme :—			
(a)	1.	No. of houses demolished ...	6
	2.	No. of houses empty awaiting demolition ...	12
	3.	No. of houses awaiting action at 31st December, 1962 ...	8
(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—		
	1.	No. of dwellings in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ...	—
	2.	No. of dwelling houses in respect of which defects were remedied after serving notices ...	—

(c) Proceedings under Housing Act, 1959 :—

1. Number of houses represented as being unfit	—
2. No. of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made	—
3. No. of houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders	6
4. No. of houses closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by owners and still in force	—

In order to give a full picture of the progress made since 1954, I set out in detail a list of the properties dealt with and the present position.

Houses Demolished.—

Nos. 26, 28, 30, 32, 32a, 42, 44, 46, 48, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, Paddock Lane.

Nos. 6, 8, 10, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 100, 102, High Street.

Nos. 2, 4, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 22, 26, Lower Street.

Nos. 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 40, 42, 44, 66, 68, 70, 72, 89, 91, 93, Gold Street.

Nos. 1, 3, 5, Victoria Street

Houses, which are the subject of clearance or demolition orders, awaiting demolition.—

Nos. 12, 30, 32, 34, 36, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, High Street.

No. 11, Lower Street.

Houses represented, but orders not yet made.—

Nos. 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, Buckwell Street.

(d) Rent Act, 1957 :—

1. No. of certificates applied for	—
2. No. of notices of proposals to issue certificates	—
3. No. of undertakings by landlord	—
4. No. of certificates issued	—

(e) Housing Repair and Rent Acts :—

1. No. of house inspections made as a result of grant applications or inquiries	104
2. No. of applications for discretionary grants during the year	—
3. No. of applications for standard grants during the year	25

4.	No. of applications for discretionary grants approved during the year	...	...	...	—
5.	No. of applications for standard grants approved during the year	...	...	...	25
6.	No. of private houses improved during the year				20
7.	No. of Council houses provided with standard amenities during the year	...	...	...	—
8.	Total No. of houses improved	...	...	...	129

Sanitary Inspections of the Area.—During the year 161 complaints relative to dwelling houses were investigated. Informal action was taken in each case. The nuisances referred mainly to minor housing structural defects and drainage.

In addition to the foregoing, 835 complaints were received from tenants of Council houses relative to defects. In each case appropriate action was taken.

Mortuary Facilities.—The mortuary was not used during the year.

Common Lodging Houses.—There are no Common Lodging Houses in the area.

SECTION E.

Inspection and Supervision of Food

Milk and Dairies General Regulations, 1958.—There are four dairies registered under the above regulations. All are kept in a satisfactory condition.

Meat.—I give below a table setting out the number of animals killed, the number inspected, and the number affected with disease.

The total weight of meat and offal condemned as a result of inspection, was 1 ton, 12 cwts., 3 qr., 18 lbs. Of that, 5 cwts., 3 qr., 14 lbs were affected with Tuberculosis

I think it is worthy of note that 100 per cent inspection of animals killed was maintained during the year, apart from the period whilst I was on holiday.

I think it is to be regretted that, under the existing circumstances, 100 per cent inspection cannot be maintained throughout the year.

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part

	<i>Cattle excluding Cows</i>	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep and Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>	<i>Total</i>
Number killed (if known)	1099	—	9	3712	2070	6890
Number inspected ...	1044	—	9	3588	1956	6607
<i>All diseases except T.B.</i>						
Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	1	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	148	—	—	192	104	444
Percentage of the number inspected affected with dis- ease other than T.B.	14.18%	—	—	5.35%	5.32%	6.72%
<i>Tuberculosis only</i>						
Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	1	—	—	—	42	43
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tu- berculosis	0.09%	—	—	—	2.15%	0.65%
Cysticercosis	—	—	—	—	—	—

Other Foodstuffs Condemned.—212 lbs.

Fish Frying.—There are two fish frying establishments, both were kept in a satisfactory state throughout the year.

Bakehouse.—There is only one bakehouse in the town. It has been kept in a clean condition.

Ice Cream—Heat Treatment Regulations 1947-52.—There, are no licensed manufacturers of ice cream in the Urban Area. All ice cream sold in the area is pre-packed. The number of registrations for the sale of ice cream is 10.

Clean Food Campaign.—Notices are continued to be displayed in all food shops requesting shoppers, in the interests of hygiene, not to bring dogs into the premises. These notices appear to be serving their purpose.

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955-56.—There are 32 foodshops in the area, made up as follows :—

- 17 Grocery.
- 6 Butchers.
- 3 Confectionery.
- 3 Greengrocers.
- 2 Fishfriers.
- 1 Cafe.

In conclusion, I would like to put on record, my thanks for the continued help and support of the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee.

SECTION F.

Prevalence of, and Control over Infectious Diseases

The incidence of infectious disease remained low during the year. These comprised of three cases of Tuberculosis, ten cases of Scarlet Fever, three cases of Measles and one case of Infectious Hepatitis.

Infectious Hepatitis.—One case was notified in 1962. This virus infection also known as Epidemic Catarrhal Jaundice, was made notifiable, by order of the Minister of Health, in this District on 1st July, 1962. It is generally a mild disease but can sometimes have serious effects. It usually occurs in young people and is communicable from person to person and possibly also through contaminated food and water supplies. A list of instructions, designed to control the spread of infection, has been drawn up and this is given to the head of each household in which a case occurs.

Diphtheria.—This is the sixteenth successive year in which it has been possible to say that “There have again been no cases of Diphtheria”. A large percentage of children under one year of age, resident in the Urban District, received Diphtheria Immunisation during 1962. This is now of course largely given in combination with Whooping Cough and Tetanus. The overall position is, therefore, satisfactory.

Fifty-seven children were immunised during the year and the total number under the age of 15 years, who have completed a full course of Diphtheria Immunisation, up to 31st December, 1962, is 703, made up as follows :—

<i>Age</i>				<i>No.</i>
Under 5 years	202
5 - 9 years	247
10 - 14 years	254
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	Total	...		703
				<hr/>

Whooping Cough.—No cases of Whooping Cough were reported during the year. In 1962 fifty-seven Desborough children received protection against Whooping Cough, all with Triple Vaccine.

Measles.—1962 was an inter-epidemic year and only three sporadic cases of Measles were notified.

Gastro-Intestinal Diseases.—Once again, there were no cases of Dysentery or Food Poisoning notified during the year.

Scarlet Fever.—Ten cases of Scarlet Fever were notified. All were mild and none necessitated admission to hospital.

Poliomyelitis.—There were no cases of Acute Poliomyelitis. I feel that there could be a greater demand for vaccination among young children and it should be remembered that Poliomyelitis has not yet been relegated to the tame and minor position which Diphtheria now occupies. Parents should be reminded that what has been done in the fight against Diphtheria can also be accomplished against Poliomyelitis. The following table gives the number of vaccinations undertaken during the year.

Age in Years						Third Injection All ages	Fourth Injection
Under 1	1 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 14	Total	15 & over		
3	29	0	0	32	4	99	53

Up to 31st December, 1962, 1774 people had received the recommended three doses of vaccine.

Smallpox.—The following table gives the number of vaccinations undertaken during the year and the table printed immediately below it shows the corresponding position for 1961. The large increase in the number of vaccinations performed in the Urban District during 1962 was due to public demand following the importation of a number of cases of Smallpox into the country in January.

Fourteen Certificates of Vaccination were authenticated by me, in order to comply with the International Sanitary Regulations, for people who were travelling abroad.

1962

	Age in Years				
	Under 1	1 - 4	5 - 14	15 or over	Total
Primary	32	39	55	95	221
Re-vaccination ...	—	—	11	81	92

1961

	Age in Years				
	Under 1	1 - 4	5 - 14	15 or over	Total
Primary	24	7	2	7	40
Re-vaccination ...	—	—	—	2	2

Tuberculosis.—There was one new case of Respiratory Tuberculosis and two new cases of Non-respiratory Tuberculosis. There were no deaths due to this cause. During the year two names were removed from the Tuberculosis Register, the cases being now healed and three cases have left the District. The Register, as at 31st December, 1962, stands as follows :—

<i>Tuberculosis</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Respiratory ...	6	3	9
Non-respiratory	—	6	6
Total	6	9	15

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925.—These regulations empower the Council to prevent persons suffering from Tuberculosis to engage in the milk trade. No action was taken during the year.

MONTHLY INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (Other than Tuberculosis) 1962

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Measles	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	3
Infectious Hepatitis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Scarlet Fever	1	1	3	1	—	1	1	—	—	2	—	—	10
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	1	1	4	1	—	1	2	—	—	2	2	—	14

AGE INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (Other than Tuberculosis) 1962

Disease	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65+	All Ages	Removed to Hospital	Deaths	Age Unknown
Measles	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	3	—	—	—
Infectious Hepatitis ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	—	1	—	—	3	5	—	1	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	—	1	—	—	5	5	—	1	1	1	—	—	14	—	—	—

**TUBERCULOSIS
NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1962**

AGE PERIODS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	RESPIRATORY		NON-RESPIRATORY		RESPIRATORY		NON-RESPIRATORY	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 - 4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 - 14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 - 24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 - 34	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
35 - 44	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45 - 54	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55 - 64	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 +	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—

PART I OF THE ACT

1.—**INSPECTIONS** for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (2)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	18	36	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	—	—	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	18	36	—	—

2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which Prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Reme- died (3)	To H.M. Inspec- tor (4)	By H.M. Inspec- tor (5)	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.) ...	1	1	—	1	—
Overcrowding (S.2.)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.):					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	1	1	—	1	

PART VIII OF THE ACT
OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work		Section 110			Section 111		
		No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)		(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel	Making, etc.	10	—	—	—	—	—
	Cleaning and washing ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL		10	—	—	—	—	—

